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Newsletter

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Theme: This term we are basing our learning around the book *The Colour Monster* by Anna Llenas. This will open up a world of fun learning opportunities, particularly about emotions, well-being, kindness, and, of course, colour. Your children are welcome to share any relevant items with us, including stories, games or characters. We are planning on doing a colour walk each week, when we will be looking out for a particular colour from the story. This will also support the children to develop a sense of their local community, so if you see us, please give us a wave!

We are focussing on **Sustainable Development Goal 3: Good Health and Well Being** particularly on well-being, exploring, and defining feelings and emotions, to build resilience. For further information on the goals, please see:
<https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/>

We celebrated **Shrove Tuesday**, making and tasting pancakes. We will be supporting the children to celebrate **Mother's Day**, and then **Easter** towards the end of term. If your family celebrates these events, we would love to hear all about it and see some photographs please. If you have any suggestions of how we can celebrate in pre-school, please have a chat with your key person.

Toileting: We would like to share a fabulous website with you, which offers advice and support for all aspects of toileting, from potty training to constipation:
<https://www.eric.org.uk/> If you have any concerns about your child's toileting, or are thinking about potty training, check out the website for some handy hints.

Easter Bunny Hop: The idea is to raise funds for Hersden Under 5's Project by sponsoring the children to see how many "bunny hops" they can do (with the aid of the trampoline!) Look out for the sponsor form which will be emailed to you soon, if you require a paper copy, please let us know. The bunny hop will take place from **27th – 31st March** at pre-school, during your child's usual sessions. Sponsor money will be due in by 21st April, so you will have plenty of time to get sponsors from family and friends over the Easter holidays. The children will be encouraged to make bunny ears and will have the opportunity to have their face painted. Please let your key person know if you do not wish your child to have their face



painted. Each child who participates will receive a certificate in recognition of their efforts. Please support us to raise funds by asking friends, family and neighbours for sponsorship and encouraging your child to take part. Thank you!

Celebrating Diversity: Please send in (or email) a family photograph for your child to share, discuss and display. This ongoing display in preschool, of all the children and their families, helps to teach tolerance and respect of differences in a relevant way, and the children love to look at the photos and talk about their families with their friends.

Staffing: We are delighted to announce that Leah is expecting a baby! She will shortly be going on maternity leave and I am sure you will join us in congratulating her and her family. We are very lucky that Annika, who has been a student here for well over a year, is able to do some extra hours, before she heads off to university in September.

EYPP funding: To support learning at home and the development of Communication and Language and Literacy for all of the children, we have used some of the Early Years Pupil Premium funding to purchase a book about feelings for each child. We have purchased the majority of books from "WOB", a fabulous online second-hand book shop, which follows our ethos of sustainability and our commitment to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. We are currently enjoying sharing the stories with all of the children, and we will be sending a copy home for each child to keep and share with their family, along with ideas for learning at home, towards the end of term. We hope you will enjoy sharing these books with your children.

Dates for Your Diaries



Thursday 2nd March: World Book Day. Information has been emailed for those children who attend on a Thursday. If your child does not attend on Thursday, there are lots of fun ideas on the website so you can join in:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/>

We have plenty of book tokens, so every child will get one.

Key Person Meetings. Thursday 9th March: Please take the opportunity to discuss with us how your child has settled in and their progress through the EYFS, you can make an appointment with Isabel or Denise. If you haven't yet returned your child's Learning Journal, please do as soon as possible. Don't forget to use the yellow stickers provided, or a post-it note of your choosing, to record your child's learning and achievements, or "wow" moments of which you feel proud. Alternatively, you can email these to us, for inclusion in their Learning Journals.

Holidays: Pre-school will close on **Friday 31st March at 16.00**. Term 5 starts on **Monday 17th April at 9.00**. Please note that all of our term dates are online at www.hersdenunder5s.weebly.com

Kind Regards

Isabel Harvey
Manager & Teacher